



# Checkout FREE Ben Mikaelsen Book Sets

## Alaska Spirit of Reading

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# Catch the Alaska Spirit of Reading

## What is the Alaska Spirit of Reading?

The Alaska Spirit of Reading program seeks to promote literacy and the joy of reading to Alaska's students. The program provides circulating book sets and supplementary materials for use by school librarians and classroom teachers.

## How does the program work?

Three works by author Ben Mikaelsen will be featured during the 2008/09 academic year. The available titles are:

- [Touching Spirit Bear](#)
- [Ghost of Spirit Bear](#)
- [Tree Girl](#)

Each book set includes 12 copies of the title, a Spirit Journal for students to record their thoughts and a Ben Mikaelsen workshop DVD. [Touching Spirit Bear](#) sets also include an audio book on CD. Curriculum materials and student blogs will also be provided through <http://www.akspiritofreading.com>.

Teachers wishing to participate in the program can reserve up to three book sets using the Alaska Spirit of Reading website. The only cost associated with participating in the program is return postage for the book sets.

## What activities are planned?

A number of activities are being planned for participating students. These activities will include an author's visit to select locations. Rural students will be able to participate in statewide radio call-in and interactive teleconferences with the author. Updates on these activities will be listed on the Alaska Spirit of Reading website.

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